
MEASURE V

AUBURN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIAL TAX

For all schools, to provide additional support in reading/math, restore library and computer staff, upgrade technology, and maintain music and drama programs, and offer the opportunity to keep all schools open, shall the Auburn Union School District be authorized to collect an annual qualified special tax of \$44 per taxable parcel beginning July 1, 2005 for a period of five years, offering a senior exemption and with all expenditures monitored by an independent oversight committee?

YES _____ NO _____

IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS BY PLACER COUNTY COUNSEL

The Auburn Union School District proposes to impose a special tax to provide sufficient revenues for providing additional support in reading/math, restore library and computer staff, upgrade technology, and maintain music and drama programs in the District.

The district is proposing to tax each assessor's parcel \$44.00 for a period of 5 years commencing July 1, 2005. An exemption would be available for those property owners 65 years of age upon filing a timely application.

This increased special tax would be an annual tax upon parcels of property commencing with the 2005-2006 tax year and continue through the 2009-2010 tax year. The special tax would be collected in the same manner as the County collects property ad valorem taxes.

A "YES" vote is a vote in favor of the Auburn Union School District special tax for a period of 5 years.

A "NO" vote is a vote against imposing the Auburn Union School District special tax.

Measure V must receive approval by two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast by the voters voting upon the measure to be considered approved by the voters.

Anthony J. La Bouff
County Counsel

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Deputy County Counsel

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE V

California's financial crisis has hit Auburn's public schools hard, resulting in more than \$1.5 million in budget cuts. School district officials have been forced to eliminate classroom aides, librarians, computer aides, and other programs and services - including administrators.

Unfortunately, California's budget woes are likely to continue for at least the next five years.

Measure V ensures that Auburn's elementary and middle school children receive the best education possible - despite anything Sacramento might do to our budget.

The facts about Measure V are clear. Measure V funds stay in our community to:

- Enhance math and reading programs;
- Prevent cuts to vital learning and enrichment programs, such as music and drama; and
- Restore funding for libraries and technology.

It also gives the district the opportunity to keep all of Auburn's elementary schools open. Enrollment currently does not warrant school closure. Yet, funding shortfalls could force the closure of one of Auburn's elementary schools.

No Measure V funds will be spent on administrative salaries.

Measure V's five-year term is designed to help our schools succeed during the state's budget crisis. It is not automatically renewed and only can be reinstated by the voters.

A citizens oversight committee will audit and report annually to the district and community to ensure Measure V funds are wisely spent according to the will of the voters.

The cost is reasonable: \$44 per parcel annually or less than \$3.67 per month. A complete exemption is available to anyone age 65 or older who owns and occupies a home in the district.

Strong schools enhance work force quality, real estate values, and Auburn's future. Please join us in voting yes on Measure V.

A robust education is each generation's gift - and responsibility - to the next generation of students.

Sandra Amara, Trustee, Auburn Union Elementary School District, Attorney

Edward F. Gilligan, Retired Auburn Union Elementary School District Superintendent

Audrey W. Mueller, Retired Auburn Union Elementary School District Assistant Superintendent, Auburn Symphony Kinder Konzert & Symphony Goes to School Chair (Past)

Alfred D. Nobili, Placer County Superintendent of Schools

Ty Rowe, Chef/Owner, Bootleggers

<p>NO ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE V WAS SUBMITTED</p>

RESOLUTION NO. 03-04-24

RESOLUTION ORDERING A SPECIAL PARCEL TAX ELECTION, ESTABLISHING SPECIFICATIONS OF THE ELECTION ORDER, AND REQUESTING CONSOLIDATION WITH OTHER ELECTIONS

RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees (the "Board") of the Auburn Union School District (the "District"), as follows:

WHEREAS, the California State Legislature has failed to provide adequate funding to the District and as a result of this lack of financial support for the schools, the District has been and will be forced to eliminate many programs necessary to the children of the District;

WHEREAS, without authorization by the voters for a parcel assessment, immediate and substantial reduction and elimination of educational programs and services will be necessary and will have a severe impact on the children of the District;

WHEREAS, the District has engaged in a variety of efforts to generate funds for the educational program, including lobbying in the State Legislature and many local fundraising efforts, and has undertaken cost-cutting measures, including employee layoffs, reduction in administration, and reduction of programs and services beneficial and necessary to the students of the District;

WHEREAS, a thorough and developed public education program delivers many long-lasting benefits and advantages to all the residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, Section 4 of Article XIII A of the California Constitution and Sections 50075, 50075.1, 50075.3, 50075.5, 50076, 50077, 50079, and 53720 *et seq.* of the California Government Code authorize school districts to levy a special tax to raise funds for the purpose of conducting its business upon the approval of two-thirds of the votes cast by voters voting upon such a special tax proposal; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that the Board conduct a special election on November 2, 2004, at which will be submitted to the qualified voters of the District a measure to authorize a special tax for the purpose of continuing vital educational programs critical to the educational process in the schools of the District;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Trustees of the Auburn Union School District does hereby resolve, determine, and order as follows:

Section 1. Said election is hereby called to be held within the boundaries of the District, at which election shall be submitted to the qualified voters within the District the following measure, to wit:

"MEASURE"

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The special tax will be imposed in the amount of \$44.00 per year for each assessor's parcel. An exemption for the assessment will be made available on an annual basis to each individual in the District who will attain the age of 65

years prior to June 1 of the assessment year, who owns a beneficial interest in the parcel, who uses that parcel as his or her principal place of residence and who applies to the District on or before June 1, 2005, or June 1 of any succeeding assessment year. Any one application from a qualified applicant will provide an exemption for the parcel for the term of the current assessment so long as such applicant continues to use the parcel as his or her principal residence.

Section 2. Commencing on July 1, 2005, the special tax collected annually on all assessor's parcels at the rate specified above, shall be collected and administered in the same manner as *ad valorem* property taxes are fixed and collected under provisions of the California Revenue and Taxation Code.

Section 3. The Placer County Superintendent of Schools is hereby requested to call a special election of the said special tax to be held on November 2, 2004. The Placer County Clerk is hereby requested and authorized to: 1) set forth said measure on all sample ballots relating to said election to be mailed to the qualified electors of the District; and 2) to provide absent voter ballots for said special tax election for use by qualified electors of the District who are entitled thereto in the manner provided by law.

The Board requests that the District's election be consolidated with any and all elections to be held on the same date as specified above.

Section 4. If any section, sub-section, phrase, or clause of this resolution is for any reason held to be invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution. This Board of Trustees declares that it would have adopted this resolution and each section, sub-section, phrase, or clause thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentences, phrases, or clauses shall be declared invalid.

Section 5. The Board shall provide in each year (pursuant to section 7902.1 of the California Government Code or any successor provision of law) for any increase in the District's appropriations limit as shall be necessary to ensure that proceeds of the parcel tax may be spent for the authorized purposes.

Section 6. The President of the Board and/or his designees are hereby authorized to prepare and file with the Registrar of Voters a ballot argument in favor of the proposition, or act as an author of any ballot argument prepared in connection with the election, including a rebuttal argument, each within the time established by the Registrar of Voters, which shall be considered the official ballot arguments of the Board as sponsor of the proposition.

Section 7. The Clerk of the Board is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the due adoption of this resolution and to transmit a copy hereof so certified to the Placer County Superintendent of Schools and to file a copy hereof so certified with the Placer County Clerk.

The foregoing resolution was moved by Board Member Cathy Allen, seconded by Dave Bischel, and adopted on roll call on June 28, 2004, by the following vote:

AYES: Allen, Amara, Bischel, Holmes
NAYS: n/a
ABSENT: Hargrove